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GM COLLECT CALL LIST

The list of people who have authorized me to phone them in case no orders have arrived has grown to the extent that I will print the list. My system is to call on Thursday night before the deadline day of Friday. The list follows in no order:

DePrisco, St. Johns, Gershenson, Nielsen, Cairns, Conner, Lindauer, Cooper, Wiskow, Beyerlein, Pyle, Hrbek, Schill, and Richter (I need your phone number!).

Anybody else can authorize me to call collect and thus protect themselves from missing moves. If you want, you can give phone hour preferences, but I'll call only when I can on Thursday might.

STANDBYS--WE NEED YOU!

Game 1970BJ: Germany-Mr. Mahler, England-Mr. T. Keller, Backup-Mr. Schleinkofer.

Game 1972AZ: Turkey-Mr. Abbott, Backup-Mr.

Lindauer

Game 1972CJ: France-Mr. Richter, Backup-Mr.

Gray

Game 1972DF: Italy-Mr. Fujihara, Backup-Mr.

Mr. McKeon.

Thanks goes to the standbys for this time around, but everyone made it. It seems that people won't miss twice in a row when someone is breathing down their necks ready to take over!

Blessings never come in pairs; misfortunes never come alone.

---Chinese Proverb

DIPPY NEWS, ETC.

Ray Bowers has started his new service of providing a complete listing of all Diplomacy players and even of Diplomacy Publishers. There's over 600 names listed, and with other publishers helping Ray out with additions and changes, the list will become a valuable addition to the hobby records. Ray does it all on a computer!

The IDA Elections' results have been forwarded to me in my capacity as its Editor, but I can't pass on the information until the next <u>Diplomacy Review</u> is out next week. I can tell you this, the races were close!

On other fronts, the IDA has already started work on 1973 projects when the new President came out with his inaugural work plan. This will push us to produce more this year. Call it Phase II, or whatever, but this year will be the year we prove ourselves.

An old standby in the publishing field, Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, MD 20906, has gotten his mimeo problems all solved and he is back at it again. I got my trades with his The Gamesletter, and am pleased to see he's back in action.

Ever since I printed a player's statement about being "rip-offed" by Rod Walker in Impassable #14, several more players have written to me about having lost money with Rod Walker. All I can say is that Diplomacy is a risky business and you must tread carefully. Yet, there are high hopes that the IDA will be able to help correct this situation of drop-out publishers. If this is done, the hobby will be much improved.

A lot of people have commented about my Christmas Issue, and I want to thank all for their many kind and even some constructive comments. I did not realize that many people would appreciate my pseudo-sermon.

The latest Beyerlein Player Poll is to be found on page 11 of this issue. I urge you all to take part in this current poll as I feel it is unique in its capacity to point out good new players. Doug Beyerlein has also started a new zine, Whington Reports. It is not a gamezine and it only covers his specialty of ratings and related areas of statistics. It will be a good, different

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kind of zine for the Diplomacy Community.

larry Peery's <u>Xenogogic</u> is supposed to be going under a new format to improve its printing by going on offset and coming out on a quarterly schedule. This should improve his sagging reputation and will provide still another non-game zine for the public to read.

Hoosier Archives is also changing. It will become Ri-weekly and have printing on both sides of the paper. Walter Buchanan, R.R.#3, Lebanon, IN 46052, promises more material for the increased sub rates. This should be hard as H.A. is too good already!

By the way, his wife Carol, the leading representative of Women's Lib (disguised as a Diplomacy Widow's Assoc.) in the Diplomacy Community, has given birth to a son! What are we going to do with a "Son of H.A.?" Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Buchanan!

Many ideas have been floating around in the Dippyworld about organizing publishers into affiliated groups that will guarrantee their games from being orphaned. This is old hat for the Michigan Organized Wargamers as they have been doing this for their own publishers. Maybe the IDA should take this up too for its own member publishers, too. It would be a boon to player confidence in the publishers. Meanwhile, Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford, ME 04005, has started another such group for publishers who are new and good. This idea was originally from Larry Peery to several publishers in a letter, but Burt has taken the lead in organizing us. If you publishers want to join, write to Burt.

A different kind of gamezine, Seitenstetten has started circulating in the true sense of the word -- among seven publishers! This zine is being alternatively published by the seven publishers who are playing Game 1962-A. This zine is something special for several reasons: First, the gamezine is being GMed and published on a rotating schedule among the seven players of the game who are all publishers! They are: Conrad von Metzke. Richard Holcombe, Harold Naus, Charles Reinsel, Robert Ward, Len Scensny, and myself. Second, this game is the oldest postal game on record to be started and orphaned: 1962-A is the correct Boardman Number (actually, the game first appeared before they had Boardman numbers!) and now the orphaned game is finally being finished -- however, only one of the original player is still playing! is none other than Conrad von Metzke. other well-known player in the original roster was Rod Walker. If this works outmaybe we publishers won't need you players! Heh, heh.

When you think about it for awhile, 1972 was quite some year for the <u>Diplomacy</u> Hobby! Many new zines appeared to blot out the sunlight for many players as they all then stayed indoors to play the postal games. Many of the new zines were noted for their excellence. Ones such as Carpetbagger, Arena, Tangelo Express, Pellucidar, Everything, Impassable, Diplomacy Review, and many more. The important thing to remember was that there so many new gamezines started and so many new games started that the hobby's Boardman numbers finally hit the FA, etc. category! I am in a game which is 1972FO!

1972 also saw the beginning of the IDA as a new international organization. 1972 was also a year of controversy of which the IDA was very much a part of. Born in controversy, the IDA will still yet become a Dippy Household word.

There were other controversies, too. The biggest were the feuds between larry Peery and several other people. Rod Walker folded up his huge publishing empire to the dismay of very many people. The hobby was lucky to have Conrad von Metzke step in to take over Rod's voluminous statistical work that was necessary to keep the hobby running smoothly.

1972 was also a year for leaps and bounds in the numbers of people in the hobby. The national Sunday publication, Parade, came out with an issue covering the games of Diplomacy and of Origins. Now, with Ray Bowers compiling a list of players on a computer with a total over 600-Diplomacy by mail has reached not only the computerized stage of sophistication, but has broken the 500 members barrier.

1972 was a year for ratings. There were many ratings that all got pushed by their supporters as the best one for this or that purpose. I have mine own in Doug's BPP.

Also, there were many polls taken on other subjects such as player preferences in victories (Edi Birsan), the favorite gamezines (Len Lakofka), and a new one on player statistics by Len Lakofka came out this year.

1972 was also the year for the demise of the TDA with its World Championship Tourney as its last flop. Will the IDA follow in its footsteps? Will more publishers fold? Only 1973 will tell.

The highpoint of 1972, at least for me, was DipCon at Chicago. This was the biggest and best DipLomacy-Game Show ever in this country. The next DipCon, in Chicago again, this year will be even better.

Yes, 1972 was quite a year and we won't forget it. (More news on page 8)

GERMANY, ENGLAND SLEEPS WHILE FRANCE FIGHTS TO THE VERY BITTER END! OTHER THREE POWERS MAKE MILITARY GAINS! THE WAR CONTINUES!

Note: Will Mr. Mahler please submit standby orders for Germany? Will Mr. T. Keller please submit standby orders for England? Mr. Schleinkofer can back up these two gentlemen. Mr. Cooper, Germany, is being put on "probation" and if he should miss once more, I will drop him. I'll take him off "probation" after he has not missed playing the next four seasons. See Game 1972CJ.

Summer--England: No orders were received so Fleet Edinburgh is disbanded by GM. Germany also missed and GM disbands his Army Bohemia.

AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): A Boh-Mun, A Gal-Sil,

A Rum-Ukr, A Bul-Rum, A Bud S A Bul-Rum,

A Ser S A Bul-Rum, F Aeg-Con

ENGLAND (Thomas): NOR F Lvp H, F Lon H

FRANCE (Lakofka): F Wal-Lon

GERMANY (Cooper): NOR A Mun H/r/, A Gas H,

A Bur H, A Bre H/r/, F Nth H, F Den H

ITALY (Phillips): A Pie-Mar, A Mar-Bur,

F Spa (NC)-Gas, F Mid S F Eng-Bre, F Eng
Bre, A Tyo S Aus Boh-Mun, F Ion-Eas, F NAt
Nwg/nsu/

BUSSIA (Richter): F Bla-Con, A Ank S F Bla-

RUSSIA (Richter): F Bla-Con, A Ank S F Bla-Con, F Smy S F Bla-Con, A Sev-Arm, A Mos-Sev, A Ukr-Sev, A War-Gal, F Edi H, F Nwg-NAt

AUTUMN & WINTER 1905 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Fall 1905 Supply Center Chart-Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Mun (8)
Builds 1
England: Lon, Lvp, M/I (2) Stands Pat, lost 1

France: Pre (0) Removes 1 and is then out of game.

Germany: Bel, Den, Hol, Par, Kie, Ber, Man (6) Stands Pat, lost 1 unit

Italy: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por, Bre (8)
Builds 1

Russia: Home, Swe, Nor, Ank, Con, Smy, Edi (10) Builds 1

Propaganda-VIENNA--Ah, ITALY!!!
Rome, F NAt-Nwg--Etcetera may be lousy latin,
but it's perfectly good English, y'all heah.
I'll be damned if it ain't, etcetera, etcetera.
Impassable--You're damned--Daly City lies on
top of 'San Andreas Fault (Nat. Geographic).

AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND CAPTURE MORE SUPPLY CENTERS! RUSSIA IS ANNIHILATED! TURKEY MISSED MOVES THIS TIME AROUND! MORE WAR!

Note: Will Mr. Abbott please submit orders next season for Turkey? Mr. Lindauer can back up.

Mark Richter, I need your phone number!

Summer--Austria retreats A Rum-Bud, Germany retreats F Kie-Bal, and Russia retreats A War-Sil

AUSTRIA (Osmanson): A Ven S Ita A Rom H/nso/ A Sev-Mos, A War S A Sev-Mos, A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, A Bud-Rum, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, A Bul S A Bud-Rum, F Aeg-Gre

ENGLAND (Wiskow): F Nth H, A Hol-Kie, F Hel-Den, A Kie-Mun, F Ber S A Hol-Kie, F StP (NC) S A Liv/imp/, A Liv S Tur A Mos

FRANCE (Mahler): F Ion C A Tun-Gre, A Tun-Gre, F Tyr S A Tus-Rom, A Tus-Rom, A Mar S A Par-Gas, A Par-Gas, A Pic-Par, F Bel-Pic

GERMANY (Richter): A Mun-Ber, F Bal-Swe
ITALY (Hollingsworth): A Bur-Gas, A Rom-Nap,
F Apu S A Rom-Nap, F Con S Aus A Bul H
RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Sil-Ber
TURKEY (Thomas): NOR A Rum H/r/, F Bla H,
A Mos H/a/

AUTUMN & WINTER 1904 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart-Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Sev??, Ven, Bul, War, Mos (10 or 11) Builds 3 or 2 depending on Turkish retreat.

England: Home, Nor, 546, Den, Kie, StP, Hol, Ber (9) Builds 2

France: Home, Bel, Por, Spa, Mol, Tun, Rom, (8) Stands Pat

Germany: Att, Mun, Ber, Swe (2) Stands Pat Italy: Nap, Rom, Man, Smy, Con (3) Removes

Russia: War (0) Removes 1 and is then out. Turkey: Ank, Con, MAI, Mos, Sev?? (2 or 1) Stands Pat or Removes 1 depending on retreat of A Rum

Propaganda --

Radio Free Clyde (Kiel-Mun)--Dear Gen Hatton: You had best believe "England still has a chance!" An open letter to the Austro-Hungarian-Italian Command: With the addition of Turkey to the Franco-English alliance, we are conviced that the days of your existence as a viable military force are numbered. We (continued on next page)

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therefore offer you the opportunity to surrender without further destruction and bloodshed in Europe.

France--Tricky Dick Nixoff, the Mad Bomber, has vowed to bomb Rome and Naples into the Stone Age unless Italy shows signs of a willingness to resume serious negotiations. D.W., I've complied with your request; I hope D.H. doesn't grab Bel.

Stephan of IWOW--Is something rotten in the game of AZ? Perchance to dream of a Wiskow-Osmanson Partnership (W.O.P.)? Nay, tis a nightmare!

Giuseppi Garibaldi -- We were right not to trust France. Who needs Venice anyway? As for England's declaration of war, sticks and stones....

Giuseppe Garibaldi -- I seem to be playing in a different game from the one General Hatton is describing.

GAME 1972BG, Spring 1904

GERMANY EXECUTES SOME WILD -PLANS--WILL THEY WORK? BERLIN FALLS TO RUSSIA AND MUNICH IS TAKEN BY AUSTRIA IN A COMBINED BLITZ: WAR!!

COA--Richard Tovson, USS Dewey DLG-14, FPO New York, NY 09501

AUSTRIA (Pyle): A Ser-Bul, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, A Sil-Mun, A Boh S A Sil-Mun, A Tyr S A Sil-Mun

ENGLAND (Keller): F Nor-Swe, F Nth S A Den H, A Den H, F Lon-Eng, F Wal S F Lon-Eng

FRANCE (Murray): F Bel-Hol, A Bre-Gas, A Mar S F Spa (SC)/r/, F Spa (SC) S F Eng-Mid, F Eng-Mid

GERMANY (De Prisco): F Swe-Fin, A Ber-Liv, A Ruh S Fra F Bel-Hol, F Bal C A Ber-Liv, A Mun-Kie

ITALY (Hrbek): <u>F Por-Spa (NC)</u>, A Tus-Mar, F Lyo C A Tus-Mar, A Pie S A Tus-Mar, F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA (Fish): F Bot-Bal, A Pru-Ber, A War-Sil, A Ukr-Mos, A Bul-Con, F Bla S A Bul-Con, A Ank S A Bul-Con

TURKEY (Tovson): F Aeg-Ion, A Smy-Arm

SUMMER & FALL 1904 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Propaganda --

Liverpool, 1904--If the Germans insist on shouting obscene remarks over the Sweden/Denmark border, we shall have no choice but to declare war. Also, we would prefer that the wind blew in some other direction.

Upsluck, Iowa--Russia 7, the World 5. What

happens when he picks up the rest of Turkey? Turkey-Sulieman the Magnificent died early this morning from an overdose of Russians. Spokesmen claim the fact that he was insane had nothing to do with it....

Sulieman -- "I agree." Rome, March 1904--The mood in this Mediterranean capital has been one of jubilation all winter. The stunning success of the Imperial Fleet in the invasion of Portugal has convinced all Italians that the demise of France was imminent. Unemployment reached new lows as industry geared up for the production of war materials to support the anticipated new armies and fleets. King Ginzo has been quoted as saying he would accept a French surrender to spare further destruction of France; when asked what terms he would insist on, the King responded that Italy must control all land areas adjacent to the western Mediterranean The King stated that he did not expect area. the French to give up easily, but that Italian forces would soon gain control of the desired areas anyway. The King also conjectured that the conquered areas of France would be run by a provincial government and called New

GAME 1972BW, Winter 1903

CHRISTMAS SEASON IS OVER AS COUNTRIES PREPARE THEIR MILITARY FOR NEW SPRING OFFENSIVES!!

Typo Error in #14-Left out Turkey in Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart. Turkey: Home, Gre, Ser, Bul (6) Builds 1. Also, Russia lost 2 units, not 1 and thus removes only 1 unit.

ENGLAND (Nielsen): Stands Pat FRANCE (De Prisco): Stands Pat GERMANY (Davies): Stands Pat ITALY (Lindauer): B A Rom, A Ven RUSSIA (Knudsen): R F Bla TURKEY (Abbott): B A Ank

SPRING 1904 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Winter 1903 Positions—

England: A Wal, F Den, F Nwg, F Nth (4);

France: F Mid, A Bel, A Bur, A Pic, A Par,
A Gas (6); Germany: A Hol, A Ruh, A Mun,
F Kie (4); Italy: A Bud, A War, A Tri,
A Gal, F Aeg, F Ion, A Rom, A Ven (8); Russia:
A Rum, A Sev, A Mos, F StP (NC), A Nor, F Ska
(6); Turkey: A Arm, A Bul, A Ser, F Con, F
Smy, A Ank (6)

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Zurich, Switzerland -- (formerly Reykjavik, Iceland) -- This is your war news correspondent here in Zurich. After examining the fighting first hand, right up there at the front lines, I've come to the conclusion that I really don't know what the hell is going on. Regardless of that, I'm getting paid to report, and that's what I'm going to do. 1903 was some year. In Western Europe, France and Germany kept slugging it out on their border, and they're both getting nowhere fast. and Russia aren't any help to the situation there, because they too are stuck. Is anything going to happen in Western Europe? Eastern Europe is quite a different situation, though, it's completely crazy. First, Russia is supporting Italy while he attacks Turkey. Then Russia's supporting Turkey while Italy and Turkey are attacking Russia; and also, Turkey is supporting Italy while Italy is supporting Turkey, but they are supporting the wrong units. Now it looks as if everyone will be supporting everybody? Maybe even Austria will be getting back into the action? Fobby Bisher--Anyone interested in playing a chess game in our propaganda column, (if Mr. Boyer permits, of course!)? If so, then choose a byline for next issue and just write either a 1 or a 2 in it. I'll write either a 1 or a 2 in this column in the next issue, and if our numbers match, then you're white, but if they are different, then I'm white. From then on we can alternate, one move an issue. Is that O.K. with you, Mr. Boyer? We've got to get something in the propgana column under 1972BW! Impassable--I suppose it's okay--the way this game is going, I think it will be a long, long time before we get a winner, and by that time, the chess game of the century will have been finished. Go ahead if you want, but keep it restricted to the moves -- no diplomacy in chess!

GAME 1972CD, Summer & Fall 1903

CONTINENTAL COUNTRIES SUFFER CHANGES IN SIZE WHILE ENGLAND STANDS PAT!

Summer--Austria retreats A Vie-Gal, France retreats A Mun-Ber, and Russia retreats A Rum-Ukr

AUSTRIA (De Lucia): A Bud S A Gal H, A Ser S F Tri H, A Gal H, F Tri H
ENGLAND (Schleinkofer): F StP (NC) S F SkaNor, F Ska-Nor, F Hel-Den, F Lon-Nth, A
Yor-Lon
FRANCE (McKeen): F Eng S A Bur-Bel, A Pic

S A Bur-Bel, A Par-Bur, F Mar-Spa (SC), A Ber-Kie/r/

GERMANY (Ray): A Ruh-Bel, A Hol S A Ruh-Bel, F Kie-Ber, A Mun S F Kie-Ber, F Den S Fra F Eng-Nth/nso/

ITALY (Morris): A Vie H, A Tyr S A Vie, A Ven H, F Eas-Smy, F Ion-Gre

RUSSIA (Brennan): F Swe S Ger F Den, A Mos-StP, A War-Mos, A Ukr-Rum

TURKEY (Nelson): F Gre H, A Bul-Ser, A Rum S A Bul-Ser, A Sev H, F Bla S A Sev

AUTUMN & WINTER 1903 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973 at noon.

Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart—
Austria: Ser, Bud, 1/16, 6/16, Tri (3) Removes 1
England: Home, Nor, StP (5) Stands Pat
France: Home, Spa, Por, Mun, Bel (7) Builds 1
Germany: Ber, Kie, Hol, 1/2, Den (4) Removes 1
Italy: Home, Tun, 1/1, Vie, Smy (6) Builds 1
Russia: Mos, War, Mun, Swe (3) Removes 1
Turkey: Ank, Con, My, Bul, Sev, Gre, Rum
(6) Builds 1

Propaganda--

The Red Baron via Bud-I no longer am in charge of Austria, but I've turned it over to the agressive "Alexander the Great." I am in charge of the Italian work crews. I've found something they're good for,..shoveling the excretions of their Rat-powered tanks.

Rome, Oct. 11, 1903-A temporary settlement has been reached with the Austrians. This is due to the recent conquest of Greece by the Turkish fleet. His Majesty the King proclaimed that peace may be signed soon with the Red Baron (not in Vienna anymore)-so that a fitting revenge can be carried out on the Ottoman Empire.

GAME 1972CJ, Spring 1903

ALL AUSTRIAN MOVES SUCCEEDS: FRANCE STANDS STILL! ENGLAND LANDS IN BELGIUM! MORE WAR!

Note: Will Mr. Richter please submit standby orders for France? Mr. Gray can back up. Mr. Cooper has been missing orders off and on for quite some time. This has happened to all of his games in Impassable plus games in which I play with him in other zines. Until he improves, I will have to put him on "probation" for his Impassable games. Thus, if he should miss once more, I will have to drop him for poor play. I called Mr. Cooper three times, but was not able to reach him. He will be taken off "probation" when he has completed four consecutive seasons without a (cont. on next page)

set of missed moves.

AUSTRIA (Verheiden): A Mun-Ruh, A Boh-Mun, A Vie-Bud, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S F Aeg-Con, F Aeg-Con, F Tri-Alb

ENGLAND (Cairns): A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel, F Lwp-Iri, F Edi H, F Eng S A Lon-Bel FRANCE (Cooper): NOR F Mid H, F Bre H, A Mar H

GERMANY (Ostapkovich): A Hol S A Kie, A Kie S A Hol, F Bal-Den

ITALY (Iakofka): A Gas-Spa, F Lyo-Mar, F Spa (SC)-Mid, F Nap-Tyr, A Tyo-Pie

RUSSIA (Wrobel); A Swe-Den, F Ber-Kie, A Pru-Ber, A Mos-StP, F Sev-Bla, A Rum S Aus A Bul, F StP-Bot

TURKEY (Atteberry): F Con-Aeg/r/, F Bla-Bul, A Smy-Arm

SUMMER & FALL 1903 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973 at noon.

Propaganda--

The Dream Maker--Stan Rumble ran through the streets of Seattle like a child oblivious to all about him. His mind was not functioning. only his limbs seemed to chart his path away from the two dead men in the car behind him. He tried to concentrate, to form thoughts, but the horror of that last few moments had sent him into deep shock. Now he was upon the ground, fallen down like a yearling drunk with its first steps. He tried to regain his footing but he fell again. He knees ached and blood oozed from two deep scrapes on his legs. He had apparently fallen a few times before this, but they had not registered in his mind. Stan lay there totally exhausted, physically and mentally. He swooned and fell into unconsciousness in a Gof forsaken alley behind a burned-out tenament.

Stan awoke as a light rain fell upon him and the drops aroused feeling in his battered legs. They were stiff, and blood drenched. He weakly rose upon them and hobbled across the street to a porch across the way. There he sat looking at the burned-out building and thinking of the bodies of the two FBI men he had murdered with his dreams. His eyes moved upward along the hulls of wood and bricks until he awoke to full attention as he spied the signboard atop the structure. This was the building where it all had begun four days ago. ((Four days ago?)) Some force had brought him back here, even when his mind had become a blank.

As he sat there a door opened behind him and an elderly man came out. "Are you hurt, young man?" he said.

"Some street gang tried to rob me and I

ran-Guess I fell a few times. You don't mind if I rest a minute, do you?"

"Oh, not at all. Come in and let me look at that leg," the old man was kind to Stan and treated his bloody legs. As luck would have it, the wound was more ghastly looking than it was serious. "I see you had a fire recently—across the street."

"Yes, quite a blaze, quite a blaze! My friend Albert was killed in it. I've known Albert for uncounted years. We were brothers, of a sort you see...." the old man looked deeply at Stan. "You DO see! You are Albert's heir, weren't you?!"

"If Albert is the Dream Maker, then I fear I am." "Yes, Albert made Dreams happen. I have another power young man. Let me tell you of it—brother." To be continued. Rome—No doubt that "London" press release of last issue was black propaganda, but just in case it wasn't, let it be known that the "green slime" is fully capable of dealing with the "blue plague," assuming that is that it has not been vaccinated in the meantime (Heh Heh).

Kiel--The High Seat of the German Republic is pleased to announce the annexation of Holland and Denmark into our glorious realm. And, to keep the nation a reasonable size, we are allowing the Duchess of Austria to keep Munich and the Russians to have Berlin. This realignment of territory is to place like peoples in the same nation. After all, everyone knows just how Slavic those Munichers are.

GAME 1972CK, Spring 1903

ENGLAND TAKES NORWAY BUT IS FORCED OUT OF SKAGERRAK! GERMANY IS HELD AT BAY BY FRENCH-ITALIAN ALLIANCE! WAR CONTINUES HOT!

AUSTRIA (Chin): A Gal S Ita A Sil-War, A
Rum H, A Ser S A Rum, A Vie-Bud, F Eas H
ENGLAND (St. Johns): F Nth-Nor, F Ska S
F Nth-Nor/r/, F StP (NC) S F Nth-Nor,
F Edi-Nwg
FRANCE (Gray): F NAt S Eng F Edi-Nwg, A
Spa-Gas, A Bur-Ruh, F Bel-Hol, A Pic-Bel,
A Par-Bur

GERMANY (Lindauer): A Ber H, A Hol-Ruh, A Kie S A Ber H, F Den-Hel

ITALY (Gershenson): F Ion S Aus F Eas H, A Sil-War, A Tyr S A Mun, A Mun S Fra A Bur-Ruh, F Mid H

RUSSIA (Davis): F Nor-Ska, F Swe S F Nor-Ska, A Fin-StP, A Ukr-War, A Sev-Ukr
TURKEY (White): A Gre S A Con-Bul, A Con-Bul,
F Aeg-Eas, F Smy S F Aeg-Eas, F Bul (SC)-Aeg
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SUMMER & FALL ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Propaganda ---

Antwerp, Jan. 1, 1903—The French Navy sent a task force to Holland to pick tulips for the new Princess; when they got there they liked the mild climate so much that they shipped the tulips to France and stayed for the Spring. If the weather remains nice they will set a permanent installation there.

Zurich, Jan. 5, 1903—The Gnomes of Switzer—land are withdrawing money from their investments in Turkey because it looks as if things will soon be very unstable in the Ottoman Empire.

Germany, April 1, 1903—The German Government would again like to thank the French. Just because you supported our enemy Italy to Munich, and reneged on our agreements is no reason for us to believe that we are at war. That would be condemning you on practically circumstantial evidence, wouldn't it? Germany does know what we'd do if you Frenchies weren't there, but we'd certainly like to try. Berlin—If figures, those dumb Italians can't do anything right by themselves. I have just two words for the French Government —— BUT OUT ——.

Reuters News Agency, January 10, 1903 -- American newsmon, Edward Furrow-Brow and Walter von Crankase reported to the American Press that they will be reporting from another city shortly because they are getting the hell out of Berlin before the shooting starts. They noted that the presence of the Franco-Italian ccalition on the German borders and in Munich could spell the end of the Weimar Republic. Geneva -- In an editorial in the Geneva Gazette noted journalist David Finkley expressed dismay over the pointless Anglo-Russian war and concern over the aggressive policies of Austria and Turkey. However, he pointed out that the greatest threat to world peace is a plot by a cunning France and its Italian ally because confidential sources indicate that these treacherous allies, intend to simultaneously invade England and Germany. Unless stopped now, Franco-Italian strength may soon be overwhelming and the face of Europe will be darkened by conflict unseen since the days of Napoleon.

GAME 1972DD, Autumn & Winter 1902

RUSSIANS FORGES AHEAD WITH NEW UNITS! HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN SIZE IN TWO YEARS! IS ONE OF LARGEST COUNTRIES IN IMPASSABLE EVEN THOUGH THIS GAME IS STILL IN 1902! WAR!

Fall 1902 Revisited: Late revisions from England plus some typos on my part created confusion. /I hoped that the postcards have been able to straighten everything out. So, again, here are the changes from #14. England: F Nth S F Lon H, F Lon H Germany: F Hol-Nth, F Yor-Edi As for builds/removals, everyone remained as previously reported. However, Germany owned: Home, Hol and Bel for 5 centers and stood pat.

Autumn--Germany retreats A Den-Kie

AUSTRIA (Leerkamp): B A Vie ENGLAND (Dick): Stands Pat FRANCE (Fujihara): Stands Pat GERMANY (Chin): Stands Pat ITALY (Roll): Stands Pat RUSSIA (Nelson): B A War, A Mos TURKEY (Stone): Stands Pat

SPRING 1903 ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Winter 1902 Positions—
Austria: A Tyr, A Boh, A Bul, A Ser, F Gre,
A Vie (6); England: A Edi, F Nth, F Lon (3);
France: F Iri, F Eng, A Bur, F Mid, A Spa (5);
Germany: F Hol, F Yor, A Ber, A Kie, A Bel,
(5); Italy: A Apu, A Syr, F Ion, F Eas (4);
Russia: F Nor, F Den, A Swe, A Sil, A Rum,
A Ank, F Bla, A War, A Mos (9); Turkey:
A Con, F Aeg (2)

London--It was reported today that Admiral

Hornbloomer had not actually sunk the German

Propaganda--

Fleet that attacked Edinburgh, but instead he sank a German fishing fleet that was caught in dense fog. Rumors persist that the German Fleet is still in Yorkshire.

Parliament—Nov. 6—Alarm spread through Parliament this morning as news of Horn—bloomer's blunder reached a rejoicing session. A spokesman for Parliament said, "The German Fleet in Yorkshire and the French Navy in the Irish Sea must be withdrawn before any agreement can be entered into. You trust us or you don't."

Oracle of Tunis—I guess everything didn't go well. England, still alive and well, is still

a power to be reckoned with though a mimi power. I see Turkey destroyed in the Spring 1903. Germany will be seriously weakened by the loss of Munich and possibly weakened by the loss of Munich and possibly either Kiel or Berlin. Italy question is still which way she will go. Ally with the East and attack France or ally with the West and attack Austria.

RUSSIA COMPLETES TRIO MOVEMENT AS TURKEY LANDS IN ARMENIA VIA BLACK SEA: AUSTRIA TAKES TRIESTE AND TURKEY SERBIA AS ITALY STUMBLES: GERMAN EMPIRE LAUNCHES MASSIVE ASSAULT ON RUSSIA! ALL BUT ONE MOVE SUCCEEDS: WAR!!

Note: Will Mr. Fujihara please submit standby orders for Italy? Mr. McKeon can back him up.

AUSTRIA (Conner): A Bud-Tri, A Vie S A Bud-Tri

ENGLAND (Lindauer): A Yor-Nor, F Lwp-Wal, F Nth C A Yor-Nor, F Nor-Bar

FRANCE (Hilliker): F Eng H, A Por-Spa, A Spa-Mar, F Bre-Mid, F Mar-Lyo

GERMANY (Schill): A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, A Hol-Kie, A Bel H, F Kie-Bal, F Den S F Kie-Den

ITALY (Strickland): NOR F Tun H, A Ven H, A Tri H/r/, F Nap H, A Rom H

RUSSIA (Grove): A Sev-Ukr, A Ukr-Rum, F Rum-Sev, A Gal S A Ukr-Rum, F Bot-Swe

TURKEY (Blank): A Con-Arm, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S A Gre-Ser, F Bla C A Con-Arm, F Smy-Aeg

SUMMER & FALL ORDERS due Friday, February 2, 1973, at noon.

Propaganda --

Constantinople—The astonished Sultan Blank is shocked to find Europe at war!! The Good Sultan had no idea of this happening and was outraged to find that he miss the first year of it skiing in Switzerland. The Sultan's immediate actions were to issue larger supplies of Hashish to the Turkish armed forces (this has long been a Turkish method of getting oh, err...up for the battle). The Ponderous Sultan also has formed a special elite guerilla band which he himself will lead and which will be known as "Blank's Zero's". Turkish Generals expect nothing to come of them though.

Joint Turkish Chiefs of Staff.—A new draft call has been decided upon for this new year. This year Turkey will draft 1,763,400 gallons of Beer, an increase of 400,000 gallons over last year—ahhhh.

Moscow-"May the Blue Bird of Happiness lay an egg in your nose." That is what I say to the person who tried to louse up relations between Turkey and Russia.

Moscow--Merry Christmas to you Germany from the person who doesn't fit either category. Russia--H-E-L-P !!!

England—It's still called the English Channel. will be in February—not at end of January Austria—((edited)) I will have to admit that as previously indicated. This is because things have gone badly for Austria with the have had so many letters and inquiries and

loss of our 1st Fleet. Christmas in Vienna and Budapest has been poor. You should know that the kids of Austria know that Italians do not believe in Christmas and the Russians stole it! We have started an Austrian kid campaign in which our kids are telling your kids that your governments do not believe in Santa Claus or presents. I would suggest that this will mean eventual civil disorder for both of you crums.

Stepping out of character for a minute. I hope you each have a very good Christmas and an extra happy 1973--I will! Impassable--I will suggest again that the players try to break their voluminous press into smaller sections so that if I see that the game has submitted too much press, that I won't have to edit any particular press. If you put them in order of importance to you, that would help also.

Dippy News, etc. continued from page 2

On the home front, I have been recently expanding my own publishing efforts. Some people have inquired if I may be going beyond my limits. Many thanks to all who have expressed concern, but I am keeping a tight clamp on my involvements. The only change has been a re-evaluation of my free time priorities in which Diplomacy publishing has just taken complete control.

The latest efforts are primarily with the IDA as their Editor, and with my new zine, Aquarius. This zine promises to be something new, if I can guage the opinions from all the letters I'm getting. So many people have expressed a desire to play in Aquarius that I will have to hold a contest to select the best press writers. Let it be known that Aquarius' prime concepts include a maximum amount of press (having 12 pages for a maximum of 2 games) and two other games to be tied in with the regular game: a Bourse and my creation, Council of Nations, a political-diplomatic game. In addition, long-term subscribers playing these two games will be allowed to represent minor countries in the regular game as press writers! This is a logical development because all three games will be tied together with diplomatic dealing and alliances. Last, Aquarius will have such features as maps to show interesting battles each season, a complete Fall Supply Center Chart with a current map of Europe. Also, provisions will be made for drawings from the players. Planned starting time as previously indicated. This is because we have had so many letters and inquiries and

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we want to start Aquarius on the best possible terms. This will be a luxury gamezine, but it will also have a big price tag: \$8 gamefees with \$2 deposits that will be returned if you don't quit. There will be .50¢ deductions for each missed set of moves to encourage faithful players. All in all, Aquarius is something new. I still have a few copies of my sample sheet from a second run. Ask!

In another area, I have been completing my giant map for <u>Europe 1721</u>, my latest variation of the <u>Diplomacy game</u>. Soon, I will work on producing the stencils for a 4-page map and the brief rules and history of the time period. The seven powers are: England, France, Spain, Austria, Russia, Ottoman Empire and Poland. Eventually, the game will be run in a new gamezine, <u>Lost Horizons</u>.

RECENT TRADE ARRIVALS WITH OPENINGS

Some more arrivals with game openings are listed below in no particular order: STENCH! Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, MI 49464. I don't know what the sub or GF is, but you can get info from him. He has openings in a variant, Youngstown. TANGELO EXPRESS. Richard Hull, 4720 Cloyne, Apt. #2, Oxnard, CA 93030. One novice game (if you haven't played past 1902 in any game) and a regular same for non-publishers with the first year being 2001 for press purposes. GF is a sub to zine while you're playing plus \$2 deposit refunded upon completion of game. Sub rates are 7/\$1 first class, or 6/\$1 airmail. MARCUS. Mark Weidmark, 528 Park Crescent. Pickering, Ontario, CANADA. Openings in Atlantica. GF is \$4 for this variant. BLOOD & IRON. Lewis Pulsipher, 329 Twin Towers, Albion, MI 49224, Openings in Anarchy IV and Anonymity III. Anarchy needs only one more player. GF is a sub to BI for length of game plus \$1 position deposit per game which is refunded if you do not quit. PELLUCIDAR. Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford, ME 04005. GF is \$5 except for the IDA members game which is only \$4. All are regular.

There weren't many with openings this time around. Next issue should see more with openings. Interesting how zines come out in spurts. Would help to know which zines came out together so you don't end up playing games with deadlines all in the same week.

In war events of importance are the result of trivial, causes. —Julius Caesar

I am sorry, but I won't have time to publish a supplement to the house rules until issue #18 in March. Anyhow, you all know my new rule on mailing orders ahead of time. Simply, it is mailing one day in addition to your average mailing time in advance of the deadline day. This you can look up in back issues of Impassable, or figure out with your copies of Impassable. I will thus accept all unduly delayed mail that has been mailed one day ahead of the average post office time for that class of service and for your area in the world. If you squeeze it by not allowing for an extra day, then I won't accept late orders unless it is convenient for me. If you mail it late and it arrives late -- no dice.

You may have noticed that I am giving up writing my series on the countries because I really don't have anything new to say, and besides, I have plenty of material an hand from other writers such as Charles Reinsel and Doug Beyerlein, plus several promised from Massar, Cooper, etc.

In fact, I will be asking for articles, letters, comments, etc. from all publishers, players for my anniversary issue of <u>Impassable</u> in March. It will be another big issue—hopefully a full 24 pages.

One year in March? It seems just a short time ago that I started publishing! For my first year of Impassable, I will have put out 17 regular issues (three big ones) and at least four little Special Editions. I never have stated that I was punctual, but the number of regular issues comes to 1 for every three weeks! That's punctuality. I have a New Year's Resolution to keep up my work with Impassable, and to improve it when ever I can. I have to thank all my readers for without their participation, I wouldn't have a reason to publish. Many thanks.

WINNING DIPLOMACY -- A HINT by Douglas Beyerlein

We have another original article from our regular contributor, Douglas Beyerlein. We don't know how he keeps it up!

This article is not concerned with the mechanics of gaining the necessary 18 supply centers for victory. In fact, it assumes that you already know how to maneuver the pieces about the board. What it will discuss are the finer aspects of (cont. on next page)

diplomacy as the victory position is achieved.

To win a standard game of Diplomacy, one must defeat six other players. Although generally this is not an easy task, there are many ways of accomplishing it. To some, a win is a win and whether or not one has made six life-long enemies in the process matters little. However, that philosophy soon loses defenders when in a following game a former victim returns with only the thought of revenge. Therefore, to use today's language, there's got to be a better way. And, of course, there is and that is what this article is all about.

A player while winning must do whatever is within his/her power to soften the defeat of the other players. This goes a long way in preventing the possibility of future revenge. To do this involves allowing minor neutrals or allies to survive to the end of the game, as survival is usually the goal when a win or draw is no longer within sight. In a close victory, where every unit and center is needed for the win, this may not be possible. However, there are many win situations where the victory is assured and a little extra aid can be given to allies and puppets to guarantee their survival and make them feel that they were a part of the winning side.

When the victory has been formally declared by the gamesmaster, the winner should take the time to write all the other surviving players thanking the allies for their help and complimenting the opponents for the good fight which they provided. This after-the-game diplomacy is the final touch to a well played game. A gracious winner ends the game as he/she began it: without enemies.

Any player who plans on staying in Postal Diplomacy more than just a few years should strive at all times to make a minimum number of enemies. If you plan on winning many games, this is doubly difficult. Therefore, building a reputation of air and unselfish play will go a long way in this direction, and in the end make those future wins just a little easier.

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES #13 and #14

Puzzle #13--After the oldest brother took his share, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 17, or 17/2, 17/2 was left over. From this, the second brother subtracted his share, 17/3, thus 17/2-17/3=17/6. From this 17/6 the third brother deducted his share, 17/9, thus 17/6-17/9=17/18. Clearly, 1/18 was not accounted for in this division of the estate.

Puzzle #14--The answer is 1/2 day. Since usually Volumn I is separated from the last page of volume II by only two covers. which together total 1/4 inch. Since the bookworm bored through at the rate of 1/2 inch per day, it took him $1/4 \div 1/2=1/2$ day.

Heh, heh, these two puzzles got a lot of readers wrong! They were tricky rather than being hard.

IMPASSABLE PUZZIE #15

Josephus, the author of a Jewish History. escaped death by working a problem similar to this one. When the Roman emperor Vespasian captured Jotapat, Josephus with forty other Jews had to hide in a cave. All those in the cave decided to kill themselves rather than fall into the hands of their conquerors. wishing to go along with this decision. Josephus persuaded the others that they should die by lot. He then suggested that they should arrange themselves in a circle and that every third person should be killed. He arranged all those in the cave so that all of them were killed except himself and another whom he might easily destroy or persuade to yield to the Romans. In the middle ages, this problem took the following form: Fifteen Christians and fifteen Turks were carried as passengers in a ship when they met a violent storm. It was decided that to save the ship and crew, half of the passengers had to be thrown overboard. To carry this out equitably it was agreed that the passengers be placed in a circle and every minth man be cast into the sea until one half of them had been thrown overboard. The captain. being a Christian, arranged them so that all Christians were saved. How did he arrange them?

The solution will appear in next issue.

WHAT A BIG COINCIDENCE!!

About two weeks ago, I found out a big coincidence about the beginning of my interest in Diplomacy. Two years ago in 1971, I was playing in a chess tournament in my home town. I ended up winning my first and only trophy (I quit while I was ahead), but the memorable occasion was hearing a chess player talk wildly about a game I never heard of: Diplomacy. interested and bought the game a month later. Thus started my new hobby. Now, I find that this person was none other than Charles Reinsel! Does that make Impassable the Son of Big Brother? ((There, I said it, Norb))

STATISTICS OF THE POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAMEBOARD: Part VII "More About Mobility!" By; Charles N. Reinsel

John Boyer (IMPASSABLE) asked me to divide mobility of a space into Offensive (Outward) and Defensive (Homeword) mobilities in relationship to defense of a Major Power. Since it is his request, that I write more articles based on my triology he printed—here goes! (For the Definition of Mobility, see Part IV). ((Parts V and VI have been reserved for printing in Diplomacy Review))

KEY: A -- (Army) Pertains to mobility of an Army in said space.

F--(Fleet) Pertains to mobility of a Fleet in said space.

O--Pertains to Offensive (outward) mobility.
D--Pertains to Defensive (homeward) mobility.

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ENGLAND	A	L	F	OA	$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}$	OF-	DF	FRANCE	A	F	OA	DA	OF]
Edi	3	3	4	0	3	2	2	Bre	3	4	0	3	2	
Cly .	2	, _{T.}	4	0	2	2	2	Pic	4	3	1	3	2	
Lvp	4		4	0	4	2	2	Par	4	0	0	4.	-	
Wal	3	}	4	. 0	3	2	2	Bur	7	0	. 3	4	-	
Lon	2)	4	0	2	2	2	Gas	5	3	1	4	2	
Yor	4	-	3	0	4	1	2.	Mar	4	3	2	2	3	
TOTAL	18	3 2	23	0	18	11	12	TOTAL	27	13	7	20	9	

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O man! whosever thou art, and whensever thou comest, for come I know thou wilt, I am Cyrus, founder of the Persian Empire. Envy me not the little earth that covers my body.

ු '3.8 0 3 1.8 2

--Epitaph of Cyrus

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.

AVG 4.5 2.2 1.2 3.3 1.5 0.7

--Franklin

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

____Gray ___

cut on dotted line

THE BEYERLEIN POLL #5

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The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the best currently active players in postal Diplomacy. Any Postal Diplomacy Player, GM or publishers may cast their ballot for the top 14 (from 1-14) currently active Postal Diplomacy Players Points are given as follows: 1st=20, 2nd=17, 3rd=15, 4th=13, 5th=11, 6th=9, 7th=8, etc.

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TOP BOARD	SECOND BOARD
1.	8
2.	9
3.	10.
4.	11.
5	12.
6.	13.
7.	14.
COMMENTS:	

SIGNATURE

Incomplete ballots, or ballots without signature will not be counted. Deadline is: February 6, 1973. Please complete the ballot, sign it, and mail it to: Doug Beyerlein, 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, WA 98136. Thank you.

This is the only poll of its kind that can gather the opinions of the newer players in the hobby. This poll avoids the intrinsic problems of all the other rating systems that require completions of so many games in order to be rated. <u>Impassable</u> highly recommends this poll, especially for its ability to measure new rising players who have yet to complete many games.

1.2						
GERMANY	A	F	OA	DA	OF	DF
Kie	5	5	2	3	4	1
$\mathtt{Be}\mathbf{r}$	4	3	0	4	1	2
Pru	4	3	2	2	2	1
Ruh	5	0	3	2	. =	_
Mun	7	0	3	4	-	-
Sil	6	0	3	3		-
TOTAL	31	11	13	18	7	4
AVG	5.2	1.8	2.2	3.0	1.2	0.7

AUSTRIA	A	F	OA	DA	OF	DF
Tir	6	0	3	3	-	-
Boh	5	0	2	3	-	-
Gal	7	0	4	3	-	-
Vie .	5	. 0	0	5	_	_
Bud	5	0	2	3	-	-
Tri	6	3	3	3	-3	0
TOTAL	34	3	14	20	3	0
AVG .	5.7	0.5	2.3	3.3	0.5	0.0

TURKEY	A	F	OA	DA	OF	DF
Con	3	5	1	2	3	2
Ank	3	3	0	3	1	2
Smy .	· 14 =	4	0	4	2	2
Arm	4	3 .	1	3	2	1
Syr	2	2	0	2	1	1
TOTAL	16	17	2	14	9	8
AVG	3.2*	3.4	0.4	2.8	1.8	1.

Austria has the best average offensive army mobility! England has none! England, Italy, Turkey

are tied for the best average fleet

with the weakes defense.

ITALY	A	F	OA	DA	OF	DF
Pie	4	3	2	2	2	1
Ven	6	3	2	4	2	1
Tus	3	4	0	3	. 2	2
Rom	4	3	0	4	1	2
Apu	3	4	0	3	2	2
Nap	2	4	0	2	2	2
TOTAL	22	21	4	18	11	10
AVG	3.7	3.5	0.7	3.0	1.8	1.7

RUSSIA A F OA DA OF	
Fin 3 3 2 1 2	1
StP(n) 4 2 1 3 2	0
(s) 4 3 1 3 1	2
Lvn 4 4 1 3 3	1
Mos 5 0 0 5 -	-
Ukr 5 0 2 3 -	-
Sev 4 3 2 2 3	0
War 6 0 3 3 -	_
	5 4.0
AVG. 4.4 1.8 1.6 2.9 1.4	0.4

* Correction to an Error in Part I.

COUNTRY	TOT(O)	TOT(D)	TOT(M)	AVG(M)
England	11	30	41	3.4
France	16	24	40	3.3
Germany	20	22	42	3.5
Italy	15	28	43	3.6
Austria	17	20	37	3.1
Russia	20.5	23	43.5	3.1
Turkey	11	-22	33	3.3

mobility--offensive! France & Austria have the strongest average army mobility--defensive! Turkey has the weakest army mobility-defensive! England as the strongest average defensive fleet mobility! Austria has none! Austria also has the least offensive fleet mobility!

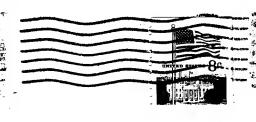
CONCLUSIONS: Residual the greatest total offensive ability. England of the key start sine England, being the master of the seas, has having the weakest defense is so often the first to be NEXT: PART IX by Charles N. Reinsel

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